

perience has proven that this is defeating the purpose of the bill. So all the committee did was to change the word "three" to "five". In other words, you would have to own five vehicles before they'd all be registered at the same time. Hopefully, this would improve the operation of this legislation that provides for staggered registration. I move the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. A question for Senator Kremer. Senator Kremer, I have three vehicles. I would still get them at the same time til I bought vehicles at a different time than January, right?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes.

SENATOR MARESH: Ok, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh. Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I've had considerable contact from citizens who like the law the way it's now working. I understand the county officials think there's a problem with it. Senator Kremer, would you respond to a question on the committee amendment, please? Could you explain to me a little more detail what kind of problems this seems to provide the county officials?

SENATOR KREMER: As I understand it, there seems to be too many today that own three motor vehicles that require registration and they are registering them all at the same time. Most of them in January and the problem that we're trying to solve by staggering registration is actually being defeated. Because we continue to have the same glut, if we may call it that. At the time when cars or motor vehicles are registered. By changing three to five, hopefully, this could be improved.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Did they give you any indication about how much the problem the backlog of January and February would be improved by moving to five vehicles as opposed to three. Is there any rough estimates about or would we still have a problem of too many people coming in in those two months?

SENATOR KREMER: The information that came to the committee at the time of the hearing was that if we change this to five, if we even entertained going to eight or ten, but those that gave us some support on the bill and offered their comments seemed to feel that five probably would solve the problem. Or go a long way toward doing that. Now, it varied a lot depending on what part of the state we were talking about.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes. Now isn't it true...in other words the more sparsely settled areas, you're likely to have more vehicles in general, I imagine. Isn't it true that what we have done by the passage of legislation in the past few years, hopefully, will even out the registration across the year and even though the three vehicle provision might still create more registrations in January, February, it will be better than it was a couple years ago, in any case?

SENATOR KREMER: It could be, but it's going to take several years to phase into this new program. It will come about when a new vehicle is purchased. If you purchase it in May, rather than January, of course, you would be required to register